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SUBJECT: DRC MEETING, 30 SEPT: ITEM IV, 1976 NATO FORCE
PLANNING WORKSHOP

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SUMMARY: THE PURPOSE OF AGENDA ITEM IV WAS TO BRING THE DRC
UP TO DATE ON THE PLANNING FOR THE DEFENSE PLANNING WORKSHOP.
IS HAS MADE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, SIMILAR TO LAST
YEARS, AT OBERAMMERGAU FOR JAN 23 TO 30, 1976. OFFERS OF
PRESENTATIONS HAVE BEEN SUFFICIENT TO COMPLETE PROGRAM A.
HOWEVER, PROPOSALS ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED), BUT SOME SPACES
REMAIN OPEN ON PROGRAM B. SACLANT/CINCHAN AND EUROGROUP
HAVE ASKED FOR SPECIAL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.
IN RESPONSE TO A SUGGESTION BY US REP (BADER), IS WILL INVITE
GREECE AND FRANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORKSHOP.
END SUMMARY.

1. HEAD OF SYSTEMS ANALYSIS SECTION (SAS), IS (PUHL)
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SUMMARIZED THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DEFENSE
PLANNING WORKSHOP TO BE HELD AT OBERAMMERGAU FROM 26 TO 30
JAN 1976. ARRANGEMENTS APPEAR ALMOST IDENTICAL TO THOSE MADE
FOR 1975 WORKSHOP. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION BY THE NETHERLANDS

REP (CARSTEN), SAS REP STATED THAT ALTHOUGH SPACE ALLOCATIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN MADE, COUNTRIES CAN PLAN ON ABOUT THE SAME NUMBER OF SPACES AS THE PREVIOUS WORKSHOP.

2. CONCERNING THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE PROGRAM, SAS HAS RECEIVED OFFERS FOR PRESENTATIONS FROM FOUR COUNTRIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF. SAS HAS SUFFICIENT OFFERS TO COMPLETE PROGRAM A, BUT PROGRAM B STILL HAS OPEN SPACE. SAS IS STILL ACCEPTING OFFERS AND WILL PICK AND CHOOSE PRESENTATIONS TO MAKE A BALANCE PROGRAM. A REQUEST BY SACLANC AND CINCHAN TO ADD AN ITEM TO PROGRAM B HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY ACCEPTED, BUT A FIRM DECISION WILL DEPEND ON FORMULATION OF THE FINAL PROGRAM.

3. NETHERLANDS REP, ACTING AS SPOKESMAN FOR THE EUROGROUP, SAID GROUP WANTED TO HAVE AS PART OF THE PROGRAM AN ITEM ON STANDARDIZATION AS A TWO WAY STREET. THE EUROGROUP HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER THEY WANT ITEM HANDLED AS A PRESENTATION OR AS A DISCUSSION PANEL CONSISTING OF EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN MEMBERS. THE CHAIRMAN HUMPHREYS) SAID HE PERSONALLY FELT THE EUROGROUP PROGRAM LAST YEAR TOOK UP TOO MUCH TIME AND THAT HE WOULD PREFER A PRESENTATION ON WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY THE EUROGROUP.

4. THE US REP (BADER) RAISED THE QUESTION OF INVITING FRENCH AND GREEK PARTICIPATION IN THE WORKSHOP (REFS A AND B). THE CHAIRMAN AGREED TO EXTEND INVITATIONS IF IT HAD NOT ALREADY DONE SO. NO DRC REPS OBJECTED. THE CHAIRMAN COMMENTED, HOWEVER, THAT FRENCH HAD NOT RESPONDED TO PAST INVITATIONS TO THE WORKSHOP, AND GREEKS DID NOT SHOW UP AT THE LAST WORKSHOP AFTER HAVING ACCEPTED THE INVITATION. STREATOR

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